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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: LOS SITREP - MAY 31, 1977

1. COMMITTEE I. AS THE DEBATE ON ARTICLE 9 (RESOURCE POLICY) WOUND UP, THE PRC TOOK THE FLOOR FOR THE FIRST TIME TO ENDORSE THE G-77 TEXT. THE PRC ALSO TWITTED BOTH "SUPERPOWERS", THE ONE (US) FOR SEEKING TO MONOPOLIZE THE SEABED, AND THE OTHER (USSR), IN HARSHER TERMS, FOR TRYING TO CONCEAL BIG-POWER RIVALRY MOTIVES IN THE GUISE OF A "HYPOCRITICAL" ANTI-MONOPOLY PROPOSAL.

2. INDIA FOLLOWED WITH A GENERALLY BALANCED INTERVENTION, STRESSING THE OBJECTIVE OF ENCOURAGING SEABED PRODUCTION WHILE PROTECTING LAND-BASED PRODUCERS. AS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TOOK TURNS ANNOUNCING SUPPORT FOR THE GZAUU TEXT (MADAGASCAR, FIJI, ROMANIA, VIETNAM, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GHANA, BANGLADESH, COLOMBIA, PAKISTAN, YUGOSLAVIA, ECUADOR AND IRAN) SWITZERLAND'S WAS THE ONLY VOICE HEARD IN FAVOR OF THE RSNT ARTICLE 9, THOUGH ITS INTERVENTION ACKNOWLEDGED A NUMBER OF "POSITIVE POINTS" IN THE EVENSEN AND G-77 TEXTS.

3. TURNING TO ARTICLE 22 (SYSTEM OF EXPLOITATION) IN

THE AFTERNOON, THE SOVIET UNION HIGHLIGHTED THE DISCUSSION WITH A CONCILIATORY STATEMENT THAT SOFTENED PREVIOUS SOVIET POSITIONS ON ASSURED ACCESS FOR STATE PARTIES. THE SOVIET SEEMED PREPARED TO ENDORSE MOST OF THE COMPROMISE EVENSEN TEXT, WHICH CHARGES THE AUTHORITY WITH "CONTROLLING AND CONDUCTING" ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA, AND DECLARES THAT STATE PARTIES CAN MINE "ON BEHALF" OF THE AUTHORITY. THESE ARE CONCEPTS THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD HAVE REJECTED A YEAR AGO, BELIEVING AS THEY DID IN THE INHERENT RIGHT OF STATES TO MINE THE SEABED AND THE STRICTLY ADMINISTRATIVE ROLE OF THE AUTHORITY. IN THE FIRST WEEK OF THE CONFERENCE, THE SOVIETS DEMONSTRATED A SIMILAR SOFTENING OF THEIR POSITION ON ARTICLE 9 (RESOURCE POLICY), IN AN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO GAIN FAVOR WITH THE G-77.

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